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SUBJECT: MEAT: MORE COSTA RICAN CRITICISMS

1. EXCELSIOR NEWSPAPER HEADLINED AND ALL OTHER PAPERS CARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 11 TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ODUBER TO THE CHAMBER OF CATTLEMEN OF GUANACASTE IN WHICH ODUBER STATED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT QUOTE HAVING REACHED THE LIMIT OF OUR EXPORT QUOTA TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE FAILURE TO COMPLY OF THOSE WHO PROMISED US TO INCREASE IT, HAS CLOSED THAT MARKET TEMPORARILY, LEAVING US WITH CLOSE TO TWENTY MILLION POUNDS OF MEAT WHICH CANNOT BE SOLD THIS YEAR. END QUOTE. ODUBER ADDED THAT AFTER DISPOSING OF SOME TEN MILLION POUNDS, QUOTE THE REMAINDER CAN BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES ON DEPOSIT TOWARDS THE 1977 QUOTA AND IT WILL BE SEEN IF THE HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CAN COMPLY IN THE FUTURE WITH THE PROMISES WHICH THEY HAD ALREADY MADE TO US. END QUOTE

2. COLUMN BY HGIHLY-RESPECTED JOURNALIST GUIDO FERNANDEZ IN THE LEADING COSTA RICAN NEWSPAPER LA NACION SAME DAY STATED QUOTE THE SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY KISSINGER, HAD PROMISED FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AN INCREASE IN THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA AND IN COSTA RICA, IN ACCORD WITH THE DECLARATIONS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF CATTLEMEN,

ALL HAD ACCEPTED THIS AS A FACT. BUT KISSINGER, APPARENTLY  
IGNORED FROM HIS OFFICE IN FOGGY BOTTOM WHAT, JUST A FEW BLOCKS  
AWAY, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAD DECIDED: THAT THE  
QUOTAS, KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE  
EUPHIMISM OF INOSBZG  
UNGVOLUNTARY RESTR-  
ICTION END INNER  
QUOTE COU D NOT BE INCHSVRHGWND THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE  
VOLUNTARILY RESTRICTING OUR SALES TO THE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY  
GIVEN. THIS HAPPENED TO KISSINGER FOR GOING AROUND PROMISING  
WHAT HE SHOULD NOT; TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO FOR ATTACHING  
SO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THOSE PROMISES; AND TO THE NATIONAL  
CATTLEMEN FOR BELIEVING ALL THAT IS PUBLISHED IN THE MIDST  
OF A PRE-ELECTORAL LIBERATION CAMPAIGN. END QUOTE.  
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